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20 Protesting N.C. Pupils Smoke Bombed in Room

SWAN QUARTER, N.C., Nov. 11 (UPI)—About 20 chanting Negro children marched into a room of the Hyde County courthouse today. Police hurled smoke grenades and slammed the door shut.

A 17-year-old girl leaped from a window of the second-floor room before police reopened the door and allowed the children to flee the building. She was taken to a hospital in an ambulance.

"We ought to tear that place down," yelled Johnnie Johnson, 17, leader of the "Martin Luther King Nonviolent Crusaders," a group that has been demonstrating against school assignments.

The children had marched into the building to demonstrate against the county Welfare Department, but it was closed. They went into another room instead.

Sheriff Charlie Cahoon and three highway patrolmen, wearing gas masks, tossed several smoke grenades into the room and slammed the door shut.